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1. MFA USA DIVISION COUNSELOR V.I. TRIFONOV TELEPHONED
CONSULAR COUNSELOR MORNING APRIL 18 TO OBTAIN CLARIFICA-
TION CONCERNING FOLLOWING "QUESTIONS" WHICH HAVE ARISEN
IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED INTERVIEWS OF WAR CRIMES WIT-
NESSES IN USSR:

A. ARE THERE ANY OTHER US INDIVIDUALS BESIDES MR.
MARTIN MENDELSON WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO USSR TO
PARTICIPATE? TRIFONOV NOTED REQUIREMENT, REPORTED REFTEL
B, THAT DATA ON INDIVIDUALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MFA TWO
MONTHS PRIOR TO THEIR SCHEDULED ARRIVAL HERE.

B. WHEN AND FOR WHAT LENGTH OF TIME WILL VISIT TAKE
PLACE? TRIFONOV PROPOSED THE MONTH OF JULY FOR A PERIOD
OF TEN DAYS.

C. TRIFONOV STATED THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP
MUST BE MADE VIA INTOURIST.

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D. DOES MR. MENDELSON WISH ONLY TO BE "PRESENT" AT
SESSIONS WHERE SOVIET OFFICIALS TAKE TESTIMONY, OR DOES
HE WISH HIMSELF TO ASK QUESTIONS AS MENTIONED IN EMBASSY
NOTE 459 OF APRIL 14 (COPY POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT)?
TRIFONOV STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN FOR
US OFFICIALS TO BE "PRESENT" AT INTERROGATIONS CONDUCTED
BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. HE ADDED THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO

PERMIT US OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT INTERROGATIONS, BUT THAT
WE MUST FORMALLY REQUEST ADVANCE PERMISSION FROM MFA.

2. CONSULAR COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE
TRIFONOV'S INQUIRIES TO DEPARTMENT AND FORWARD REPLY WHEN
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